2019–20 UMass Minutemen basketball team

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The **2019–20 UMass Minutemen basketball team** represents the University of Massachusetts Amherst during the 2019–20 NCAA Division I men's basketball season. The Minutemen are led by third-year head coach Matt McCall and play their home games at the William D. Mullins Memorial Center in Amherst, Massachusetts as members of the Atlantic 10 Conference. They finished the season 14–17, 8–10 in A-10 play to finish in eighth place. Their season ended with the A-10 Tournament and all other postseason tournaments were canceled due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Conference	Atlantic 10 Conference
2019–20 record	14–17 (8–10 A-10)
Head coach	Matt McCall (3rd season)
Assistant coaches	Tyson Wheeler Tony Bergeron Lucious Jordan
Home arena	Mullins Center

Seasons

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Previous season [edit source]

The Minutemen finished the 2018–19 season 11–21, 4–14 in A-10 play to finish in 13th place. They lost to George Washington in the first round of the A-10 Tournament.

Departures [edit source]

Name	Number	Pos.	Height	Weight	Year	Hometown	Reason for departure
Tre Wood	0	G	6' 1"	165	Freshman	Upper Marlboro, MD	Transferred to LIU Brooklyn
Luwane Pipkins	2	G	5' 11"	185	Senior	Chicago, IL	Graduate transferred to Providence
Kieran Hayward	3	G	6'4"	195	Junior	Sydney, Australia	Transferred to Vanguard University (CA)
Unique McLean	4	G	6'2"	175	Senior	Brooklyn, NY	Graduate transferred to St. Francis Brooklyn
Jonathan Laurent	11	F	6'6"	216	Junior	Orlando, FL	Transferred to Oklahoma State
Jaylen Franklin	13	G	6'0"	175	Junior	Springfield, MA	Transferred to The College of Wooster (OH)
Khalea Turner-Morris	14	C	6' 9"	265	Junior	New Orleans, LA	lingering injuries forced him to stop playing, prior to the season starting
Curtis Cobb	33	G	6'4"	175	Senior	Fall River, MA	Graduate transferred to Wagner
Aidan Byrne	41	F	6'6"	215	Junior	Niskayuna, NY	walk-on from 2018 to 2019 no longer listed on the roster
Rashaan Holloway	45	C	6'11"	310	Senior	Elmer, NJ	Graduated

2019–20 Atlantic 10 men's basketball standings

Team	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PCT	Overall W	Overall L	Overall PCT
No. 3 Dayton	18	0	1.000	29	2	.935
Richmond	14	4	.778	24	7	.774
Rhode Island	13	5	.722	21	9	.700
Saint Louis	12	6	.667	23	8	.742
St. Bonaventure	11	7	.611	19	12	.613
Duquesne	11	7	.611	21	9	.700
Davidson	10	8	.556	16	14	.533
Massachusetts	8	10	.444	14	17	.452
VCU	8	10	.444	18	13	.581
La Salle	6	12	.333	15	15	.500
George Washington	6	12	.333	12	20	.375
George Mason	5	13	.278	17	15	.531
Saint Joseph's	2	16	.111	6	26	.188
Fordham	2	16	.111	9	22	.290

As of March 11, 2020; Rankings from AP Poll
NOTE: The 2020 A10 Tournament was canceled after the first round due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Incoming transfers [edit source]

Name	Number	Pos.	Height	Weight	Year	Hometown	Previous School
Dibaji Walker		F	6'7"	190	Sophomore	Columbus, OH	Transferred from Cleveland State. Inactive. NCAA transfer rules mandate he sits out in 2019–20, but he has applied for a special exemption. His exemption has been approved.

2019 recruiting class [edit source]

US college sports recruiting information for high school athletes

Name	Hometown	High school / college	Height	Weight	Commit date
Tre Mitchell #33 C	Pittsburgh, PA	Woodstock Academy	6 ft 9 in (2.06 m)	240 lb (110 kg)	Mar 29, 2019
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: ★★★★★ Rivals: ★★★★★ 247Sports: ★★★★★ ESPN: ★★★★★				
John Buggs #0 G	Homer, LA	Putnam Science Academy Summerfield High School	6 ft 2 in (1.88 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Nov 20, 2018
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
Sean East #10 G	Louisville, KY	Combine Academy New Albany High School	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Apr 28, 2019
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
C.J. Jackson #3 F	Atlanta, GA	Athens Prep Greenforest High School	6 ft 6 in (1.98 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	May 15, 2019
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
Kolton Mitchell #13 G	Fort Myers, FL	Victory Rock Prep	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)	175 lb (79 kg)	May 30, 2019
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
Preston Santos #2 G/F	Providence, RI	Woodstock Academy	6 ft 6 in (1.98 m)	180 lb (82 kg)	Oct 15, 2018
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
T.J. Weeks #23 G	Warwick, RI	Woodstock Academy Bishop Hendricken High School	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Mar 24, 2019
	Recruiting star ratings: Scout: N/A Rivals: N/A 247Sports: N/A ESPN: N/A				
Overall recruiting rankings:					

Note: In many cases, Scout, Rivals, 247Sports, and ESPN may conflict in their listings of height and weight. In these cases, the average was taken. ESPN grades are on a 100-point scale.

Sources:
"2019 Team Ranking". Rivals.com. Retrieved November 9, 2019.

Roster [edit source]

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Pos.	#	Name	Height	Weight	Year	Previous school	Hometown	Coaches
G	0	John Buggs	6 ft 2 in (1.88 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Fr	Summerfield High School Putnam Science Academy	Homer, LA	• Matt McCall (Chattanooga)
F	1	Sy Chatman	6 ft 8 in (2.03 m)	200 lb (91 kg)	So	Cretin-Derham Hall HS	Saint Paul, MN	**Assistant coach(es)**
G/F	2	Preston Santos	6 ft 6 in (1.98 m)	180 lb (82 kg)	Fr	Woodstock Academy	Providence, RI	• Tony Bergeron (Woodstock Academy)
G/F	3	C.J. Jackson	6 ft 6 in (1.98 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Fr	Greenforest HS	Atlanta, GA	• Tyson Wheeler (Fairfield)
G	4	Keon Clergeot	6 ft 1 in (1.85 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	RS Jr	Auburndale HS Memphis	Winter Haven, FL	• Lucious Jordan (Albany (NY))
F	5	Samba Diallo	6 ft 7 in (2.01 m)	195 lb (88 kg)	So	Pope John XXIII Regional HS	Rufisque, Senegal	**Legend**
G	10	Sean East	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Fr	New Albany HS	Louisville, KY	• (C) Team captain • (S) Suspended
C	11	Djery Baptiste	6 ft 10 in (2.08 m)	245 lb (111 kg)	GS	Prestonwood Christian Academy	Gonaives, Haiti	• (I) Ineligible • (W) Walk-on
G	12	Carl Pierre	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m)	190 lb (86 kg)	Jr	Boston College HS	Boston, MA	• ✚ Injured • ↓ Current redshirt
G	13	Kolton Mitchell	6 ft 3 in (1.91 m)	175 lb (79 kg)	Fr	Victory Rock Prep	Fort Myers, FL	
G	20	Davonté Higginbottom **(W)**	6 ft 1 in (1.85 m)	175 lb (79 kg)	Sr	Westwood HS	Mattapan, MA	Roster
G	23	T.J. Weeks	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m)	185 lb (84 kg)	Fr	Bishop Hendricken Catholic HS	Warwick, RI	
F	24	Dibaji Walker	6 ft 9 in (2.06 m)	190 lb (86 kg)	So	Woodstock Academy Cleveland State	Columbus, OH	
F	31	Randall West	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m)	220 lb (100 kg)	RS Sr	Lawrenceville School	Moorestown, NJ	
C	33	Tre Mitchell	6 ft 9 in (2.06 m)	240 lb (109 kg)	Fr	Woodstock Academy	Pittsburgh, PA	

Schedule and results [edit source]

Date time, TV	Rank#	Opponent#	Result	Record	Site (attendance) city, state
Exhibition					
October 29, 2019* 7:00 pm		Western New England	**W** 83–47		Mullins Center Amherst, MA
Non-conference regular season					
November 5, 2019* 7:00 pm, NESN/ESPN+		UMass Lowell	**W** 79–64	1–0	Mullins Center (2,563) Amherst, MA
November 9, 2019* 1:00 pm		at Fairfield	**W** 62–60	2–0	Webster Bank Arena (1,087) Bridgeport, CT
November 12, 2019* 7:00 pm, NESNplus/ESPN+		Northeastern	**W** 80–71	3–0	Mullins Center (2,145) Amherst, MA
November 16, 2019* 1:00 pm, ESPN+		Central Connecticut *Hall of Fame Tip Off campus game*	**W** 89–43	4–0	Mullins Center (2,873) Amherst, MA
November 20, 2019* 7:00 pm, NESN		Rider *Hall of Fame Tip Off campus game*	**W** 82–72	5–0	Mullins Center (2,378) Amherst, MA
November 23, 2019* 12:00 pm, ESPNews		vs. No. 7 Virginia *Hall of Fame Tip Off semifinals*	**L** 46–58	5–1	Mohegan Sun Arena (7,862) Uncasville, CT
November 24, 2019* 3:30 pm, ESPN2		vs. St. John's *Hall of Fame Tip Off consolation*	**L** 63–78	5–2	Mohegan Sun Arena (5,822) Uncasville, CT
November 29, 2019* 2:00 pm, BTN Plus		at Rutgers	**L** 57–82	5–3	Louis Brown Athletic Center (5,592) Piscataway, NJ
December 4, 2019* 7:00 pm, CBSSN		South Carolina	**L** 80–84	5–4	Mullins Center (3,043) Amherst, MA
December 7, 2019* 1:00 pm, NESN		at Harvard	**L** 55–89	5–5	Lavietes Pavilion (1,636) Cambridge, MA
December 11, 2019* 7:00 pm, NESN		Yale	**L** 80–83 OT	5–6	Mullins Center (2,212) Amherst, MA
December 20, 2019* 7:00 pm, NESN		Maine	**W** 74–53	6–6	Mullins Center (2,194) Amherst, MA
December 30, 2019* 7:00 pm, ESPN+		at Akron	**L** 79–85	6–7	James A. Rhodes Arena (2,375) Akron, OH
A-10 regular season					
January 5, 2020 4:00 pm, NBCSN		at Saint Louis	**L** 80–83 OT	6–8 (0–1)	Chaifetz Arena (8,743) St. Louis, MO
January 8, 2020 7:00 pm, NESN		La Salle	**W** 77–69	7–8 (1–1)	Mullins Center (1,894) Amherst, MA
January 11, 2020 12:30 pm, NBCSN		at No. 15 Dayton	**L** 60–88	7–9 (1–2)	UD Arena (13,407) Dayton, OH
January 15, 2020 7:00 pm, ESPN+		vs. St. Bonaventure *Roc City Hoops Classic*	**L** 61–74	7–10 (1–3)	Blue Cross Arena (4,276) Rochester, NY
January 18, 2020 4:30 pm, NBCSN		George Washington	**L** 57–75	7–11 (1–4)	Mullins Center (3,323) Amherst, MA
January 22, 2020 7:00 pm, ESPN+		at George Mason	**L** 63–73	7–12 (1–5)	EagleBank Arena (2,652) Fairfax, VA
January 25, 2020 2:00 pm, NESNplus		Duquesne	**W** 73–64	8–12 (2–5)	Mullins Center (2,785) Amherst, MA
January 29, 2020 7:00 pm, NESN		Saint Joseph's	**W** 91–76	9–12 (3–5)	Mullins Center (2,024) Amherst, MA
February 1, 2020 8:00 pm, CBSSN		at Davidson	**L** 50–85	9–13 (3–6)	John M. Belk Arena (3,832) Davidson, NC
February 4, 2020 7:00 pm, CBSSN		at Rhode Island	**L** 67–73	9–14 (3–7)	Ryan Center (6,328) Kingston, RI
February 9, 2020 2:30 pm, NBCSN		George Mason	**W** 69–67	10–14 (4–7)	Mullins Center (2,313) Amherst, MA
February 15, 2020 12:30 pm, NBCSN		No. 6 Dayton	**L** 63–71	10–15 (4–8)	Mullins Center (5,030) Amherst, MA
February 18, 2020 7:00 pm, NESN		Saint Louis	**W** 67–63	11–15 (5–8)	Mullins Center (2,185) Amherst, MA
February 22, 2020 4:00 pm, ESPN+		at Fordham	**W** 57–49	12–15 (6–8)	Rose Hill Gymnasium (1,560) Bronx, NY
February 26, 2020 7:00 pm, NESNplus		VCU	**W** 60–52	13–15 (7–8)	Mullins Center (2,462) Amherst, MA
February 29, 2020 6:00 pm, ESPN+		at Richmond	**L** 71–95	13–16 (7–9)	Robins Center (7,201) Richmond, VA
March 4, 2020 7:00 pm, ESPN+		at La Salle	**W** 75–64	14–16 (8–9)	Tom Gola Arena (1,352) Philadelphia, PA
March 7, 2020 7:00 pm, NESNplus		Rhode Island	**L** 63–64	14–17 (8–10)	Mullins Center (4,053) Amherst, MA
A-10 Tournament					
March 12, 2020 12:00 pm, NBCSN	(8)	vs. (9) VCU *Second round*	A10 Tournament Canceled[1]		Barclays Center Brooklyn, NY

*Non-conference game. #Rankings from AP Poll / Coaches' Poll. (#) Tournament seedings in parentheses.
All times are in Eastern.

Source[2]

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